

National Marine Fisheries Service

Highly Migratory Species Division

2001 Fishing Year Atlantic Swordfish Landings

Update

May 31, 2002

The 2001 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2001, and ends May 31, 2002.

As of May 31, 2002, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2001, and ending May 31, 2002, indicate that:

- 1,667,859 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 70% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 721,927 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- 1,435,009 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 60% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 954,777 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2002.
- 2,113 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 1,322,411 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2002.

As of May 31, 2002, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2001, and ending May 31, 2002, indicate that:

- 118,041 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 19% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 519,088 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2002.